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1. During the past three weeks there has been a state of extreme tension throughout Yugoslavia. There have been continual incidents along the Hungarian and Bulgarian frontiers which, will be the first to feel an attack in the event of war. These incidents have created an atmosphere of uncertainty felt by the Government and the entire populace. No hope exists that Marshal Tito, without outside aid, can overcome the sanctions imposed on Yugoslavia by the Cominform.
2. Measures taken by the Yugoslav Government to counteract the organization of Cominform sabotage are so drastic that they constitute an intolerable burden on the economic structure of the country. These measures reach into every small village of the land. The Yugoslav armed forces and the police are in a constant state of alert. Rail, sea and road tra

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5. The UDB is currently concentrating almost exclusively on internal political security. It recently succeeded in neutralizing 11 Cominformist groups working inside Yugoslavia under the Soviet agent, Pavel Smirnov, who was directing sabotage operations from Bulgaria. Among those arrested were 11 members of the Yugoslav Army (unidentified) who were immediately shot, while the remainder numbering 30, will soon be tried.

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6. Members of the armed forces and the police found guilty of anti-Government activity are interrogated, and secretly executed to avoid adverse publicity. [redacted]

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